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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on November 28, 2001, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

In an English language translation of Japanese Notification of Reason(s) for Refusal (Office Action) issued on October 30, 2001 for Japanese Application No. 2001-200087, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned U.S. application, the following documents were cited:

(1) Japanese Patent Application No. HEI 11-283228. Applicants note that this document is a counterpart application to the instant application, and thus, a copy of the same is not attached hereto;

(2) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-288244, which was published on October 19, 1999, along with counterpart document U.S. Patent 6,270,061;

(3) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-231828, which was published on August 27, 1999;

(4) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-194745, which was published on July 21, 1999; and

(5) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-288467, which was published on November 4, 1997, along with counterpart U.S. Patent 6,191,505.

In an English language translation of Japanese Notification of Reason(s) for Refusal (Office Action) issued on October 30, 2001 for Japanese Application No. 11-283228, which is also a counterpart of the above-captioned application, the following document was cited:

(6) Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-200087. Applicants note that this document is a counterpart application to the instant application, and thus, a copy of the same is not attached hereto.

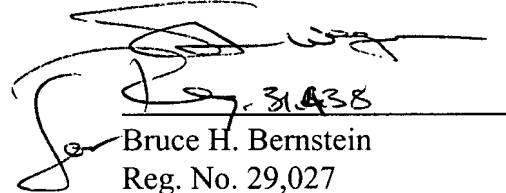
Applicants note that documents 2-5 were previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on November 28, 2001, and that document 1 is a counterpart application. Thus, copies of the same are not attached hereto.

However, copies of the English translations of the Japanese Office Actions and counterpart U.S. Patents are attached hereto.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. The above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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